

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: RALPH RONNEN BURGER ETAL

Serial No.: (To Be Assigned)

Group Art Unit: (To Be Assigned)

Filed: August 7, 2003

Examiner: (To Be Assigned)

Title: LUBRICATING OIL SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR THE CONNECTING ROD BEARINGS OF A CRANKSHAFT OF A MULTI-CYLINDER INTERNAL-COMBUSTION ENGINE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of German Patent Document No. DE 696 05 567 and French Patent Document No. FR 979 586 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of

a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

If necessary, the paper should be considered as a petition for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(2) and that the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(3) should be charged to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket No. 028987.51431US).

Respectfully submitted,

August 7, 2003


For Donald D. Evenson
Registration No. 26,160

CROWELL & MORING, LLP
P.O. Box 14300
Washington, DC 20044-4300
Telephone No.: (202) 624-2500
Facsimile No.: (202) 628-8844
DDE:alw

FORM PTO-1449 U.S. Department of Commerce Patent & Trademark Office		Attorney Docket No. 028987.51431US	Serial No. (To Be Assigned)
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)		Applicant: Ralph RONNEBURGER et al.	
		Filing Date August 7, 2003	Group (To Be Assigned)

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	Filing Date (if appropriate)
	AA	4,928,550	05/29/1990	Sakai et al.	75	595	10/07/1998
	AB	5,138,991	08/18/1992	Wojdyla	123	196	12/23/1991
	AC	5,152,373	10/06/1992	Callies	184	6.5	07/19/1991
	AD	5,163,341	11/17/1992	Murrish et al.	74	595	0/08/1991
	AE	5,799,547	09/10/1998	Agarrat	74	605	04/10/1996
	AF	6,202,620	03/20/2001	Yamaguchi	123	196	08/12/1999
	AG	6,332,443	12/25/2001	Kaita	123	196	08/29/2000
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	TRANSLATION
	AK	FR 979 586	04/27/1951	Colinet et al.			Yes No
	AL	DE 696 05 567	07/27/2000	Gonzalez et al.			Yes No
	A M						
	AN						
	AO						
	AP						
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
	AQ						
	AR						
	AS						
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED			
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication.							